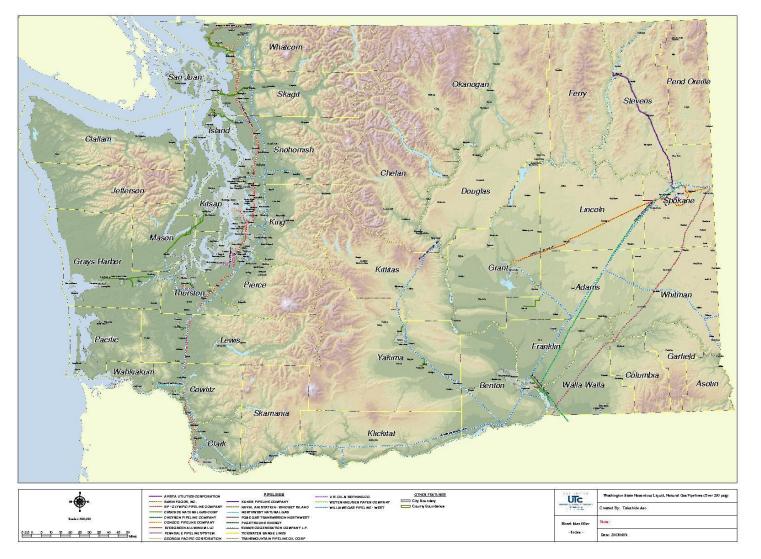
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission Pipeline Safety Geographic Information System (GIS)



Establishment of the Utilities and Transportation Commission Pipeline GIS

In 2000, following the Bellingham pipeline incident, the WA State Legislature passed the Pipeline Safety Act (Chapter 81.88 RCW).

This legislation required the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), Pipeline Safety Section to develop and implement a comprehensive pipeline safety program for gas and hazardous liquid pipelines including mapping of pipeline locations.



The legislation specifically mandates that the UTC collect information from the pipeline operators "Sufficient to meet the needs of the First Responders, and to provide pipeline information and maps to local governments".

UTC Pipeline Safety GIS Program Status

Pipeline Safety GIS staff:

- Have been collecting pipeline information and combining it into a GIS
- Have verified the positional accuracy of pipeline facilities to ensure quality GIS data
- Created a variety of products for first responders, state/local government and internal use such as pipeline map atlases, pipeline GIS data, and mobile GIS data viewers.
- Supports its inspection program with detailed pipeline analysis and mapping products

Positional Accuracy

- Feedback from local emergency responders and our state partners which has indicated that a printed product standard of +/- 40 feet at a scale of 1:24,000 for rural areas, and non-scale dependent accuracy down to +/- 10 feet in urbanized areas are adequate.
- The positional accuracy requirement of +/- 500 feet at l:24,000 under the NPMS standards caused some concern with several local government users, and brought up unanswered usability questions.

Data Collection, Processing & Adjustment

GIS staff verify pipeline location data submissions by:



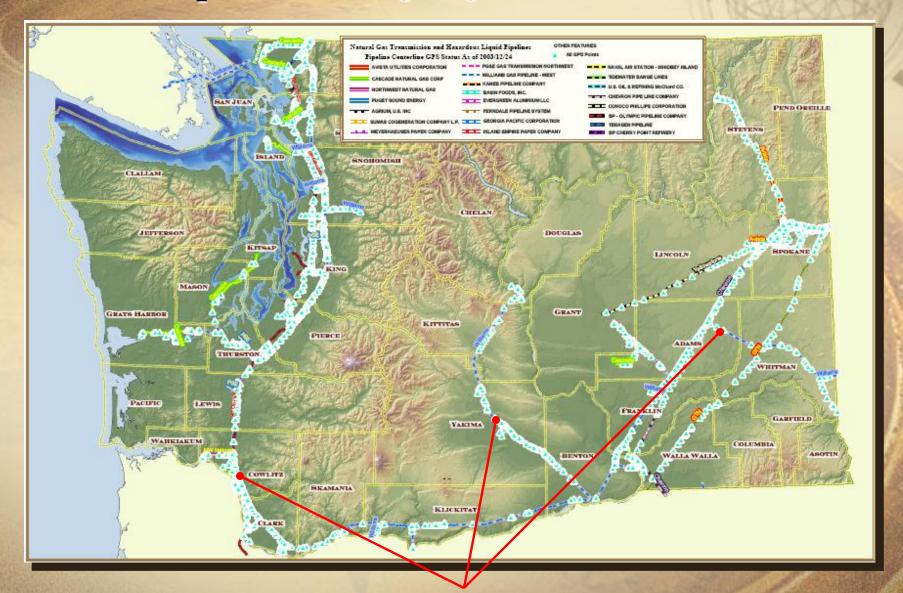
Multiple pipelines and utilities in the same right-of-way



GPS and range-finding equipment

- Evaluating the source and the lineage of the data in question through discussion with the data provider or metadata research
- Collecting pipeline features in the field
- Using aerial and orthophotos for data adjustment in areas that cannot be physically accessed
- Collecting and processing data obtained from in-line inspection (ILI) tools that incorporate GPS and Inertial Navigation System (INS) technology
- Setting an accuracy goal that is consistent with the National Map Accuracy Standard (NMAS) for our printed products.

Pipeline GPS QA/QC Check Points



GPS points are collected to verify data submissions and collect GIS data for pipelines systems that had no existing spatial data.

GIS staff take extra GPS points in urban areas to increase the accuracy of pipeline locations.



UTC Additional Intrastate Centerline Attributes

DISTRICT = **District INST_DATE=** Installation date WALL_THICK = Wall thickness **GRADE** = **Grade SEAM** = Type of seam PRE70ERW = Percent of Pre-1970 ERW pipe **PIPE_MANU** = **Pipe** manufacturer **COATING_TYPE** = Coating type **CP_SYS** = Cathodic protection system **MAOP** = Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure **MOP= Maximum Operating Pressure (Liquids Only) WKP** = Working Pressure PS MAOP = Percent SMYS at MAOP

UTC Additional Intrastate Centerline Attributes

MARKET = End markets **LEAK_DETECT** = Leak detection type and capabilities **OPRES_PROTECT** = Type of overpressure protection **VALVE_TYPE** = Type of valve operators (manual, pneumatic, electric, .etc) **CLASS3_PERCENT = Percent of pipeline mileage in Class Three locations CLASS4_PERCENT = Percent of pipeline mileage in Class Four locations** USA = Any areas considered to be unusually sensitive by the operator **HYDROTEST = Hydrostatic pressure test information INT_INSPECTION=** Internal inspection information (type of tool) **FAILURE_HIST = Failure history, include releases, leaks, and overpressure. SLIDE_ZONES** = Identify the length of pipeline located in slide zones. MAX_FLOW = Identify Maximum flow rates. **CONTACT**= Company contact person **NOTES** = Any additional information

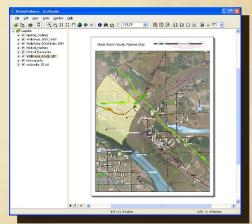
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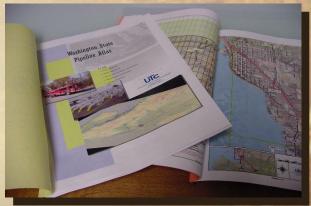
Available products:

- •Pipeline Map Atlases
- Adobe PDF Pipeline Atlas
- •General GIS Data

- Pipeline GPS Points
- Pipeline Centerlines
- •Site Specific Cartographic Products







Samples of External GIS Support

The UTC provides pipeline GIS data to first responders, locators, and state/local government. They use pipeline GIS data for the following tasks.

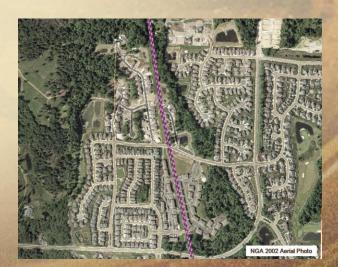
- Analysis using pipeline data with local GIS data
- Land Use/Encroachment Planning
- Environmental Studies
- Incident Command Systems (ICS)
- Community Outreach
- One Call Systems and Locating
- Hazard Mitigation Planning.



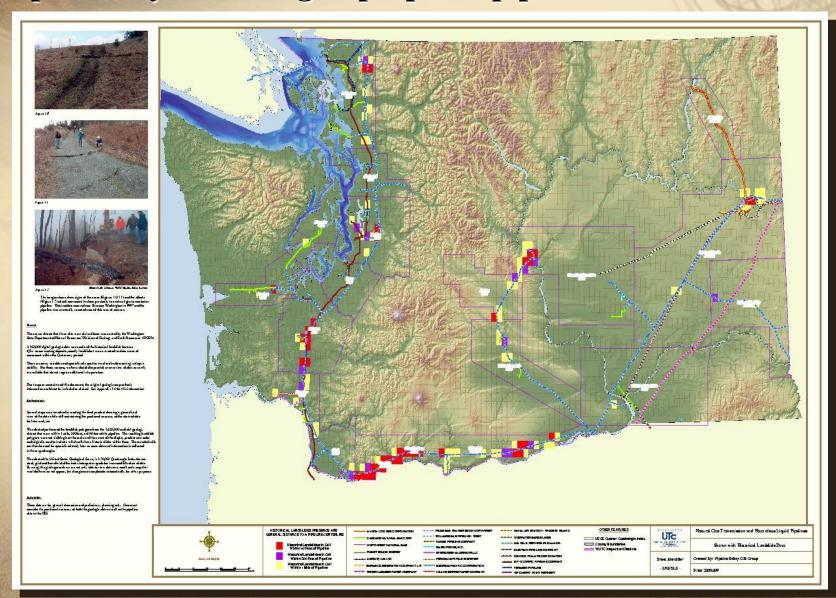
City annexation near pipeline centerline



Same Location 12yr difference



Landslide maps can give indications of historically active areas and their proximity to existing or proposed pipelines.



Pipeline Map Atlas

Map books can quickly inform a user where oil and gas pipelines are located, what's around the pipeline, and help support more informed initial assessments for planning purposes or during a pipeline incident.

Pipeline Map Atlas Specifications

- 8 ½ x 11" Rugged plastic cover with waterproof map sheets
- Areas divided by counties
- •Distributed to fire districts and local governments near pipelines

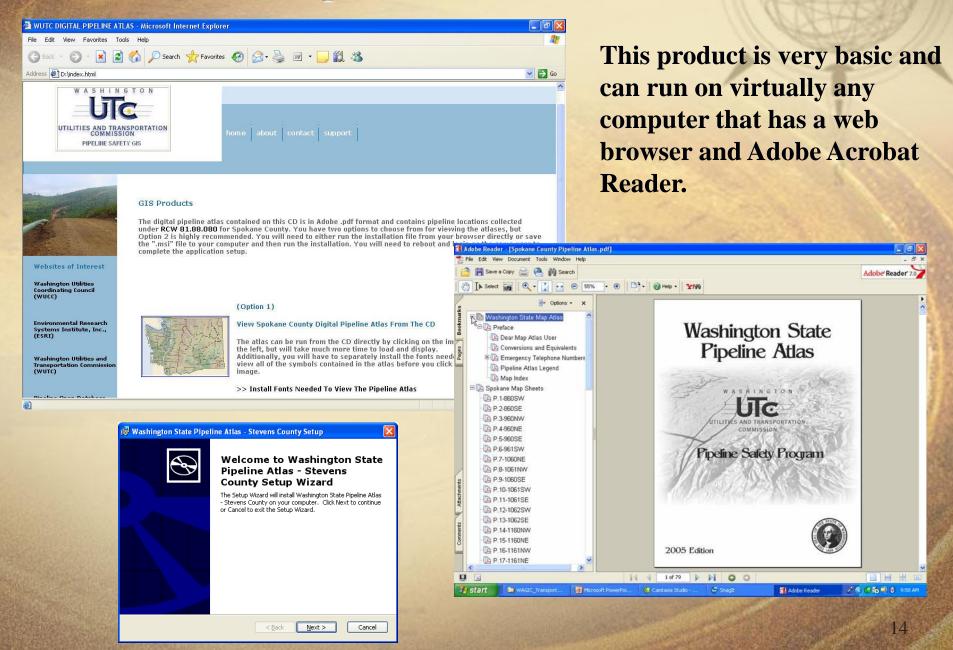






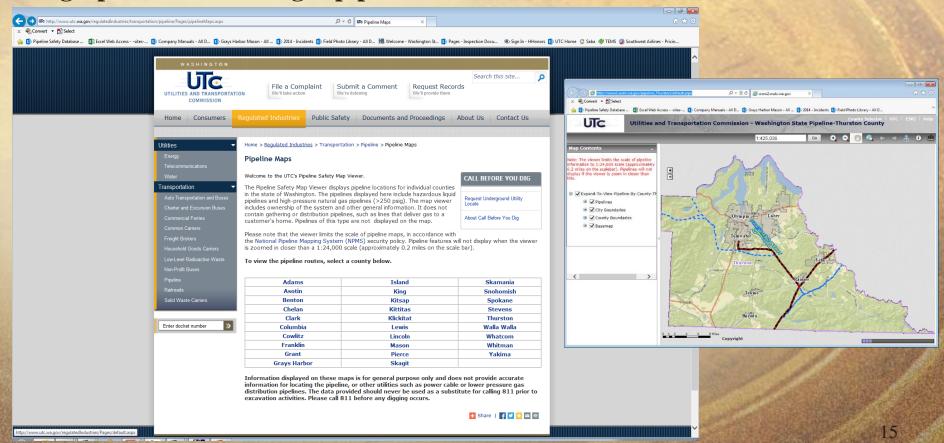


Pipeline Atlas Viewer



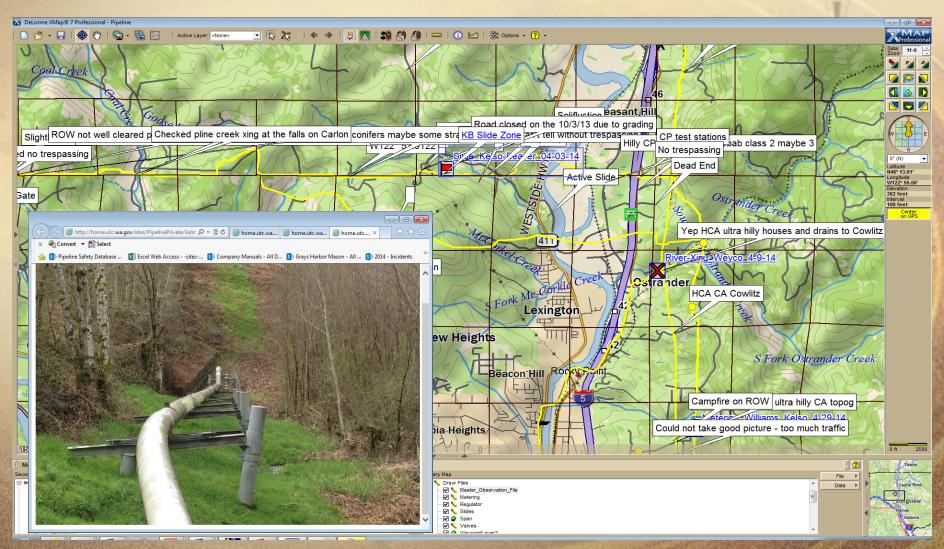
Pipeline Atlases on the Web

The UTC also provides maps for 29 counties as part of a demonstration project. These maps do not include the aerial photography and key locations that the fire department atlases have but they do have sufficient detail to determine where you live and work in relation to a hazardous liquid pipeline or high-pressure natural gas pipeline.



Mobile Mapping Application

We have developed a mobile mapping project for use by our pipeline inspectors to collect GIS information & useful inspection notes.



What's Next.....

- Continue supporting first responders, state/local government with pipeline GIS products
- Refine pipeline GIS data collection methods
- Leverage ArcGIS Server and ArcGIS Online capabilities
- Continue development of our inspection and reporting applications